



## **Guide Sheet for Case Workers, Other Professionals, Adults, or Caregivers**

When you are working with a child/youth in care who will be working with one of our volunteer photographers, please consider the following:

- When you call to schedule a session with a photographer, let the photographer know if the child/youth requires any special setup prior to the photography session to make sure the photographer is not only aware, but also has the ability to prepare and make appropriate accommodations when necessary. This would also be a great time to hold a general discussion regarding an itinerary for the photo shoot (e.g., anticipated length of session, appropriate number of change of clothes, location preferences).
- Accompany the child/youth to the photography session, or request the assistance of another adult who is familiar with the child/youth and has a good understanding of his/her needs, go in your place. Whoever will be accompanying the child should plan to be present for the duration of the photography session.
- To maintain confidentiality, be mindful when sharing any personal information about the child/youth with the photographer. Gently remind the photographer, if you must, that any personal information shared during a session is not to be disclosed in order to protect, maintain, and respect the confidentiality of the child/youth.
- Keep in mind, other than the child/youth, you know the child the best. Please ask the photographer to end a session at your discretion if you observe the child/youth growing increasingly anxious, irritable, tired, uncomfortable, uncooperative, or if you have any concerns in general. The photographer may not be aware of the child/youth's cues.

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